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'ROUNABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

The schools of Scott county give employment to 126 teachers. Booneville Methodists have let the contract for a \$35,000 church building.

Of the 114 counties in the state 105 were represented by boys at the state fair.

The smallest school in Audrain county has only three pupils—two girls and one boy.

According to J. R. Brink, the Maryville weather man, the rainfall in Nodaway county during the month of September was 5.57.

Missourian Wesleyan College at Cameron has gone in for domestic science and ten oil cooking-stoves have been added to the college equipment.

A hike of ten or twenty miles is fine fun for Prof. C. A. Burke, superintendent of the Cass county schools, and he is making his rounds of inspection on foot.

Joseph Crecraft, of near Jackson, accidentally killed himself last week while attempting to kill an owl. He was alone at the time the accident occurred.

Mrs. Rebecca Barnes died at the home of her son, James Barnes, in Worth, Thursday afternoon, having reached the remarkable age of ninety-five years.

"My boys and girls are all gone and I am tired of living alone," was the reason a woman 60 years old, living in Columbia, gave for getting married again the other day.

A Cass county farmer had hard luck the other night when he shot a coyote that was making off with one of his chickens. The shot that killed the wolf also killed the chicken.

Albert Gillette, about 35 years old, recently fell dead while at work near Morehouse. He had stooped to pick up some brush when he suddenly pitched forward unconscious.

A citizen of Fredericktown has refused to pay dog tax on the ground that he keeps the animal on his premises all the time. He has been sued in court for amount of license fee, however.

One hundred and twenty head of Hereford cattle brought \$32,595 in the sale of C. B. Smith at Fayette. One bull brought \$1,220 and one cow \$300. The buyers represented eight states.

A special election will be held in Jefferson county on the 6th day of November for the purpose of voting on a proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds to be used to build gravel and macadamize roads.

The school house at Gower was burned Sunday night. An attempt was made a few weeks ago to burn the building, but the flames were discovered and extinguished before much damage was done.

Friday Monroe township, Nodaway county, defeated the proposition to issue \$25,000 for good roads. This is the second time within two months it has been defeated, and the third time in the past three years. The majority against the bonds was larger than at the August election.

Webb City's "house of mystery" burned early Thursday morning, and what the loss is no one can be found who will say. The "house of mystery" was built by a successful mine owner who conducted there experiments which he did not think concerned the general public. Other than the owner, only one or two persons have been known to have been inside its walls since its completion. The house was outside the fire limits and the fire department, though responding to the alarm, was unable to render service in fighting the fire.

Almost every Republican newspaper in the state printed Walter S. Dickey's picture last week. For the benefit of those who might not know, we will say that Mr. Dickey is a millionaire sewer pipe manufacturer of Kansas City, who looks mighty good to the g. o. p. The United States senate has had too many millionaires and Missouri isn't going to increase the number either.

Bob Herndon of Osceola rammed a perfectly good roll of one hundred and sixty-five long green dollars down in his overalls hip pocket and then mingled with the crowd watching an automobile raffle. Someone swiped the dough and Bob can't keep from thinking that it was some false friend who was next to him. "For who else," he argues, would think of robbing a man in overalls?"

Tall corn is a feature of the crop here this season. Uncle Bonar reporting a stalk in his field with an ear nine feet from the ground. This is actual measurement, not estimated, and if the balance of the corn in the field runs anywhere near as tall, Uncle Charlie will sure have to use a step ladder when it comes time to gather it.—Hopkins Journal.

Last Monday the Board of Supervisors of the St. John Levee and Drainage district of Missouri opened the sealed bids for the digging of a ditch known as the low level ditch. The contract was awarded to A. V. Willis & Son at a price of .0538 per cubic yard, which is an exceptionally low bid. The contract is for 1,136,800 cubic yards.—New Madrid Record.

An Ava dentist came very nearly getting blown up a few days ago. He was doing some laboratory work and connected a gas pressure tank with a bottle of gasoline. There was an explosion that startled the town and many thought war had been declared.

The first National Bank of Caruthersville opened its doors for business October 1. The officers and directors are men well known to the people of Pemiscot county who enjoy the confidence of the public. Dr. W. A. Crockett is president and James Long, cashier.

"I'll never take medicine in the dark again," declared a Beaver man as soon as his attending physician pronounced him out of danger from having swallowed iodine instead of the harmless drug he sought.

Eldorado Springs is so anxious to swat the fire bug that the mayor has offered a reward of \$200 for information that will convict anyone there on a charge of arson committed within one year from date.

The Southeast Missouri Teachers Association will meet at Girardeau, October 28, 29 and 30. It is predicted that teachers will be present. There will be special train service on all railroads.

A surgical operation at Kirksville, performed this week, will, it is hoped, reduce the size of the patient's neck. If successful, these surgeons have a wonderful large field for further demonstration of their skill.

An unusual distinction is that of W. E. Jameson of Fulton, who is the only individual member of the National Association of Mortgage Bankers, which has on its roster loan and trust companies throughout the entire United States.

Injunction proceedings has been begun by Bollinger and Cape Girardeau county to prevent the Little River Drainage District dredges from cutting across public roads. The question is also being discussed in Stoddard county.

A ferry boat built by popular subscription among business men and citizens at Noel has been completed and is in operation across Elk river at that point. The boat was built large enough to accommodate the heaviest of motor vehicles.

They asked for bread down at Gorin the other day, but they couldn't get it. And they couldn't even make biscuits for there was a flour and bread famine in the town for a full twenty four hours when a delayed shipment consisting of four carloads of flour arrived.

Talking about hunting for a pistol did not scare a burglar who entered the home of George Bryant at Mayview one night recently. When Mr. Bryant noticed that his scheme for frightening the intruder away had failed he armed himself with a corn knife at which procedure the burglar fled.

The home for aged Masons and orphans at St. Louis has 263 inmates, of whom 169 are aged persons and 94 children. There are also 44 persons employed in the institution. Several orders have homes in the state, the Odd Fellows at Liberty and the Knights of Pythias at Springfield, each one taking care of their aged brethren and their orphan children.

Rex Reams was stabbed in the back Tuesday at the high school by Ernest Harris. It seems that Reams and others were engaged in giving Harris a "bumping," a mild form of hazing, when Harris drew a knife and gave Reams a bad cut in the back. A doctor was called to dress the wound which is not considered dangerous. The school authorities have put the ban on "bumping."

"Ed Brown, one of our African friends, was introduced to the police judge this week because he had a feeling that his wife needed a licking and he was the logical agent to deliver same. While paying the dollar fine he complained that an American citizen had mighty few rights in the degenerate days when he couldn't even thrash his own wife without being brought into the court for it."

Few Chinch Bugs Next Year.

Heavy rains and disease have solved that problem for Missouri. The ranks of the chinch bugs have been so depleted and broken up by the heavy rains and the fungous disease that they will probably not appear in damaging numbers next year, according to T. J. Talbert of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

The field observations made last spring in different parts of the state showed an unusually large number of bugs and they indicated a most serious outbreak of the pest. Had it not been for the unusually wet season the chinch bug might have done a great deal more damage to grain crops than the rains and floods.

The reports of farmers and the field observations from all parts of the state made during August and September show that the chinch bugs are not numerous enough to do any serious harm the coming year.

Unfortunately the Hessian fly has not suffered so much and seems likely to cause great damage next year in many localities in which one or more men sowed wheat too early or failed to disk or plow under volunteer wheat.

Wheat For Hogs.

The grade and market price of part of the 1915 wheat crop has been so much reduced sprouting in the shock that it is not too high for hog feed. Recent feedings by L. A. Weaver at the Missouri Experiment Station have shown that wheat fed alone gives greater gains in fattening hogs than either corn alone or corn mixed with wheat. The addition of tankage to the ration resulted in still more economical gains, especially during the early part of the feeding period.

If ground, the wheat is better digested and three pecks produce as much gain as a bushel of unground wheat, both being soaked.

Word came here the other day telling of the lucky find of Tom Day and Mr. Jones of Lewis county, while they were working the public roads. In the act of excavating on a hill near Gar-nett bridge in that county, these men ran their plow into an iron kettle. When taken out of the ground the kettle was found to contain Mexican coin to the amount of \$35,000. This in the United States money amounts to something more than \$20,000, and will make the men wealthy.

When news of the discovery was spread abroad, it caused considerable excitement in and about LaBelle. The men consulted an attorney as to whom the money belonged in case the owner could not be found, and the lawyer told them it belonged to the finders. There is no telling how long this money had been buried at that place—possibly a century or longer. If this is the kind of luck befalls men who work the roads, we had all better go to working on the roads.—Memphis Democrat.

William Foster of Ozark county is a firm believer in the existence of the "blue man of the Ozarks," and is helping organize a party to hunt down the mysterious hill dweller about whom stories have been afloat since civil war days. It is planned that the hunting party set out from Sylvan Springs, Oct. 15.

About the only way to get ahead of Kansas is to tell your story last. It occasioned comment when it was announced that J. H. Price of Pike county, Missouri, and 73 years old, had "out a new tooth." Before the ink was dry on the story, however, came Atchison, Kansas, with the recital that a woman there is cutting a third set of teeth.

Ellis Wainwright, residing at 425 Jabez street in this city, has an apple tree at his home which is now bearing its second time this year. In July the tree produced a big crop and last week the second crop of about half a dozen apples were gathered. They are of the Yellow Transparent variety, and while not so large as the first crop, are well formed and sound.—Richmond News.

Two dollars and fifty cents was the sum paid by Circuit Clerk Willoughby last week for the property of the Pioneer Gold Mining Company, which was sold to satisfy court costs. The bidding began at 10 cents and was rather exciting until it was knocked down to the circuit clerk, who is now wondering if he didn't buy a white elephant instead of a gold mine.—Macon Times-Democrat.

Squire R. E. Christian of Rock Port has been here this week, visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Williams, and greeting his old time friends. Uncle Bob is 77 years old, and last June he celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of his settlement in Atchison county. For years he lived, dealt out justice and bought grain at Nishnabotna. He is a celebrated checker player, and at the pool hall he defeated all who came.—Corning Mirror.

The second edition of Father Tierney's poems, several of which were printed for the first time in the Star, is being exhausted and the third edition has been ordered. That eight thousand copies of this book of verses by the poet-priest of Missouri have been sold in twenty countries in these times of war is a tribute to their charm. Father Tierney's pastorate is at Trenton, where he is a prime factor for community development and originator of the slogan, "Get acquainted with your neighbor, you might like him."

Elias W. Weed, who died at Brookfield, was at one time one of the best known railroad men in the middle west. Shortly after the civil war he was an officer of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad company, and lived at Macon. Recently Mr. Weed related the story of his railroad career. He said that when a boy of 14 he started to learn railroading by firing a locomotive on the Michigan Central. The engine had only one pair of drivers, and it was the duty of the fireman, when the engine stopped on the center, to get it to going again by the use of what was called "starting hooks." The engine had no headlight and they never risked running it at night. It had a sort of pilot, but rarely made speed enough to overtake a cow.—St. Joe Observer.

Coughs That Are Stopped.

Careful people see that they are stopped. Dr. King's New Discovery is a remedy of tried merit. It has held its own on the market for 46 years. Youth and old age testify to its soothing and healing qualities. Pneumonia and lung troubles are often caused by delay of treatment. Dr. King's New Discovery stops those hacking coughs and relieves the grippiness. Money back if it fails. 50c and \$1.00.

INVENTS POCKET WIRELESS

New York Man Has Apparatus That Sends and Receives Messages at Distance of 18 Miles.

Dr. H. Barrington Cox of Bedford Hills, N. Y., has invented a compact and efficient wireless receiving and sending apparatus which may be strapped about the waist and safely hidden in the folds of a cloak so that it would be invisible to an unsuspecting person. The sending apparatus consists of a box in which are five dry cells and a vibrator. The electric pulsations are started by tapping a telegraph key, and the current which the doctor says is modified with a hidden transformer of his invention, sends out its messages in waves long and short. The equivalent to a half watt or one-eighth as much as is required for the ordinary electric light bulb is the amount of electricity necessary. From the box projects a wire. In warfare use this wire is carried down the leg of the soldier, and



connected with a metal plate or spur in the shoe. The receiving instrument consists of a drum about which is a coil of wire. On top of this is a very fine deflector. It has a pair of ear pieces such as are worn by telephone operators. Doctor Cox can send and receive messages by his instrument over a distance of 18 miles. The picture shows Doctor Cox with his cane (or receiver) raised for a message.

POISON GAS TO KILL PESTS

Prairie Dogs Succumb Readily to Methods Copied From European War.

San Angelo, Tex.—Killing prairie dogs with gas is the newest and most successful method of warfare against the western pests, according to reports from the infested country near here.

Chlorine gas from a large automobile generator is forced into the holes through a hose. The hole is then quickly covered and the occupant, be it prairie dog, ground squirrel or snake, immediately dies.

GETS DIVORCE LEST SHE DIE

Kansas City Woman Facing Operation Feared Husband Would Get Her Money.

Kansas City, Mo.—The uncertainty of the result of a surgical operation was the plea made by Mrs. Grace Elyth for divorce from Adolph J. Elyth, a salesman.

Mrs. Elyth told the court she was about to undergo a serious operation and in the event of her death her husband would receive half of her \$50,000 unless the divorce decree was granted. Judge Johnson granted the divorce.

SEEK SQUAWS AS BRIDES

Mexicans Make Love to Indian Maids Who Own Land in State of Wisconsin.

Ashland, Wis.—C. E. Redfield of Santa Clara, Cal., allotting agent for the United States government, here to allot 35,000 acres on the Bad River reservation to 545 members of the tribe, brought from California a bundle of applications from Mexican for Chippewa brides.

But he thinks the Mexicans are seeking the squaws more for the sake of the land than any personal endearments.